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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 24, 2003, said period of response being extended from January 24, 2004 to March 24, 20043.

A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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